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1. LIMA FAA REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN WORKING BOTH INDEPENDENTLY AND JOINTLY WITH THE BRANIFF LAWYER FOR THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS TO GET ACTION ON PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE SECURITY CHECKS, WITH NO RESULTS. THE FAA PRINCIPAL SECURITY INSPECTOR ON THE BRANIFF CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN IN LIMA AND TALKED WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, OBTAINING PROMISES, BUT NO ACTION. BRANIFF HAS OFFERED TO PAY CORPAC OR CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE SECURITY COMPANY TO CONDUCT THE PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE CHECKS, BUT THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THOSE GOP OFFICIALS CONCERNED. THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE THAT GOP IS NOT WILLING TO DEVOTE MONEY OR PERSONNEL TO THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEY ARE SHORTHANDED IN OTHER MORE IMPORTANT SECURITY AREAS. HOWEVER, GENERAL CAMPODONICO, CORPAC PRESIDENT, SAID ON APRIL 10 THAT POLICE DO HAVE MONEY AND PERSONNEL AND WILL INITIATE CHECKS WHEN BRANIFF CALIBRATES FRISKEM DEVICES (THE FACTORY REPRESENTATIVE MADE CALIBRATION THREE MONTHS AGO BUT WE WILL ASK THAT IT BE DONE AGAIN).

2. IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO GOP THAT BOLIVIA, ECUADOR
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AND COLOMBIA ALL ARE CHECKING PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE AND

THAT PERU IS ONLY COUNTRY IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LOCAL FAA REPRESENTATIVE NOT CONDUCTING CHECKS. THE INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO THIS SUBJECT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT AND HE IS WELL AWARE OF THE PROBLEM. IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, THERE IS NO INTEREST IN TRAINING PROGRAMS.

3 THERE IS NO SPECIFIC LAW DEALING WITH THE SUBJECT OF CHECKING AIRLINE PASSENGERS FOR SECURITY, BUT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR TRANSPORT HAS TOLD THE FAA REPRESENTATIVE AND BRANIFF THAT ONLY PERUVIAN POLICE WILL BE ALLOWED TO INSPECT PASSENGERS.

4. IT WAS HOPED THAT IF FAA ENACTED THE RULE PROPOSED TO REQUIRE FOREIGN AIRLINES OPERATING INTO THE UNITED STATES TO HAVE A PASSENGER SECURITY PROGRAM SATISFACTORY TO THE FAA, FOREIGN AIRLINES OPERATING TO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH PERU MIGHT ADD THEIR PRESSURE TO THAT OF BRANIFF WITH SOME POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS. OTHER THAN THAT, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE LITTLE HOPE FOR A SECURITY PROGRAM IN LIMA FOR THE PRESENT.

5. AS REGARDS MEETING OF CRITERIA:

- A. NO ONE CONDUCTS SEARCH AND NO UNIFORMED, ARMED OFFICERS PRESENT.
 - B. NO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SCREENING AREA AND POLICE CONTROL CENTER.
 - C. NO REGULAR SCREENING OF PASSENGERS
 - D. LOCKABLE DOORS AVAILABLE.
 - E. NO DISPLAY OF IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.
 - F. NO UNIFORMED, ARMED OFFICERS AT RAMP AND ACCESS POINTS.
 - G. NO UNIFORMED, ARMED OFFICERS AROUND PARKED AIRCRAFT.
 - H. NO UNIFORMED, ARMED OFFICERS AT BOARDING POSITIONS.
- THERE ARE ARMED POLICE OFFICERS NOT IN UNIFORM AT THE AIRPORT AND OCCASIONALLY THEY CONDUCT SEARCHES. THERE ARE UNIFORMED AIRPORT EMPLOYEES (CORPAC) AT SOME OF THE ACCESS POINTS TO THE RAMP, BUT THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST POTENTIAL CRIMINALS IS DOUBTFUL.
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6. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR ACTIVATION OF AN AIRPORT SECURITY PROGRAM BY ALL MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL AND CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT BRANIFF ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS REGARD.

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